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SUBJECT: FINNISH-HOSTED SYMPOSIUM OF UNESCO NATIONAL
COMMISSIONS OF CSCE FINAL ACT SIGNATORIES ON
CULTURAL COOPERATION, AUGUST 26-28, HELSINKI

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1. DELOFF USED OCCASION OF WESTERN EUROPE INFORMATION GROUP MEETING, JULY 23, 1976, TO TAKE FURTHER SOUNDINGS ON ATTENDANCE AT SUBJECT MEETING. IN ADDITION TO FRG, ITALY, FRANCE, DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS (REFTEL B), NEITHER CANADA NOR SWITZERLAND WILL ATTEND. BELGIANS CONTINUE TO BE LEANING TOWARD REJECTION. HOWEVER, BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID HER EMBASSY IN HELSINKI HAD BEEN APPROACHED AND URGED BY FINNS TO ATTEND. AT TODAY'S MEETING, UK REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS TEMPORARILY (FOR ONE MONTH) ACTING UK DEPUTY, VOICED OPINION THAT UK WILL NOT ACCEPT INVITATION. THIS IS CHANGE IN POSITION REPORTED REFTEL B.

2. SEVERAL COUNTRIES WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT MEETING. PERMDEL DID SUCCEED IN REACHING IRISH DEPUTY PERMREP, BY
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PHONE, WHO PERSONALLY BELIEVES IRELAND WILL REJECT

INVITATION. HOWEVER, HE WILL CONFIRM WITH DUBLIN AND
INFORM US.

3. SWISS PMREP REPORTED THAT NORWAY AND SWEDEN WILL
NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND SYMPOSIUM. HOWEVER, WE NOT ABLE
CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE
TWO COUNTRIES APPARENTLY ARE ON VACATION.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONTACT FOREIGN OFFICES IN
BRUSSELS, OSLO, AND STOCKHOLM FOR OFFICIAL POSITION.
HOWEVER, BASED ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE, IT
APPEARS VAST MAJORITY CSCE FINAL ACT SIGNATORIES WILL NOT
ATTEND. AS MANY PERMREPS AND/OR THEIR DEPUTIES ABSENT ON
ANNUAL VACATION FROM PARIS, IT UNLIKELY PERMDEL CAN
OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION.
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